

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Thursday, October 13, 2005

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Ebert and Commissioner Meyer.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the Open Meetings of Wednesday, September 28, 2005; Monday, October 3, 2005; Tuesday, October 4, 2005; and Wednesday, October 5, 2005.

255-WR-102 – Application of Ashwaubenon Water and Sewer Utility for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved a Notice of Proceeding and Telephonic Hearing and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

880-WR-102 – Application of the Caddy Vista Sanitary District, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved a Notice of Proceeding and Telephonic Hearing and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1000-WR-104 – Application of the Cedarburg Light and Water Commission for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved a Notice of Proceeding and Telephonic Hearing and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

2830-WR-105 – Application of Kewaskum Municipal Water Utility for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved a Notice of Proceeding and Telephonic Hearing and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3000-WR-104 – Application of Lake Mills Light and Water Department for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved a Notice of Proceeding and Telephonic Hearing and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5440-WR-107 – Application of Shorewood Municipal Water Utility for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved a Notice of Proceeding and Telephonic Hearing and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6280-WR-103 – Application of Waupaca Water Utility for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved a Notice of Proceeding and Telephonic Hearing and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3270-AE-104 – Application for Approval of an Operating Agreement for MGE Transco Investments LLC, Between Madison Gas and Electric Company and MGE Energy, Inc.

The Commission approved the Final Decision and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3270-GP-108 – Madison Gas and Electric Company's Gas Supply Plan for the Period Beginning November 1, 2005

The Commission approved Madison Gas and Electric's gas supply plan for the period beginning November 1, 2005.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with this decision.

FERC Docket AD05-13 – Nomination of a Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Representative to the PJM/MISO Region Joint Board on Security Constrained Economic Dispatch

The Commission designated Chairperson Daniel Ebert to the PJM/MISO Region Joint Board on Security Constrained Economic Dispatch.

The Commission directed the Secretary to the Commission to notify the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the designation.

FERC Docket RM05-32-000 – Repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and Enactment of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005

The Commission approved Comments and directed they be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

05-TR-104 – Application of Wireless Telecommunications Service Providers and Wisconsin Counties for a Surcharge on Wireless Telecommunications Service to Implement Wireless Enhanced 911 Service in Wisconsin

Request for Initial Determinations Regarding Local Government Eligibility for Reimbursement From the Wireless 911 Fund

Request for Initial Determinations Regarding Wireless Provider Eligibility for Reimbursement From the Wireless 911 Fund

The Commission considered the record and made decisions concerning grants from the wireless 911 fund. The Commission directed staff to prepare orders and awards consistent with both its discussion and the following decisions concerning general areas of discussion:

I. County applications

A. Equipment

1. Approved the costs for computer-aided dispatch (CAD) systems, printers, computer stands, monitor racks and improvements necessary to maintain the physical security of a wireless PSAP.

2. Approved reimbursement for 50 percent of these costs, unless the item is used exclusively for wireless 911 in which case 100 percent of the cost is approved.

B. Training

1. Approved 100 percent of the costs for a broad spectrum of training.

2. Limited above reimbursement to training for public safety answering point (PSAP) employees only.

C. Collection and maintenance of data

Subject to receipt of a detailed budget with an indication of which costs have already been covered by grants and retained real estate transaction filing fees, approved:

1. Reimbursement of up to 25 percent of the costs associated with equipment, and with remonumenting and parcel mapping.

2. Reimbursement of up to 50 percent of the costs associated with orthophotography.

D. Costs to relay information to secondary PSAPs

Approved these costs.

E. Consistency among counties

Counties will be held to the items and amounts requested in their applications and will not be allowed to submit additional costs based on today's decisions.

II. Provider applications

A. PSAP lists

Only approved funding for PSAPs that the provider may be obligated to serve.

B. Documentation

The surcharge will be set assuming that submitted costs without complete documentation are accurate, and adjustments to the surcharge will be made at a later date.

C. Handset exchange costs

Denied funding for costs related to the exchange of non-911 compliant handsets with 911 compliant handsets.

D. Billing and collection

Approved the cost determination methods used by providers in their applications, but limited the amount of reimbursement a provider may receive to 2 percent of the surcharge amount collected.

E. Other states' costs

Denied funding for any cost that can be attributed to a state other than Wisconsin.

F. Choice of technology

Approved funding for whatever technology choice a provider has made to implement wireless 911.

CLOSED SESSION - The Commission may recess the open meeting, go into closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e) and reconvene the open meeting pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(2). (Agenda item 13 may involve discussion of proprietary information subject to confidentiality requirements under Wis. Stat. § 146.70(3m)(e).)

The Commission did not recess the open meeting to go into closed session to discuss proprietary information relating to agenda item 13.

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